Douglasville, Tex,
March, 28th 1928.

My dear Cousins:

I have your letter of Feb. 8th before me - very newsy and interesting - You would make a fine Editor for some big Daily as well as a fine business man -

Congratulations to Durward on being elected Pres. of the Southern Manufacturing Company - I hope he will not grieve too much over leaving his home and folks.

I enjoyed your mention of Evelyn Blodgett - and sympathize deeply over the death of Seymour - I suppose she has had an unusually pleasant life - but "intense joy" is always accompanied or followed - by "intense pain" when sorrow comes -

Next you mention the painting I wish to make for you - I would not have the nerve to do this, if you had not liked my work - And we, all, are interested in making this gift of remembrance

to you; and if you or your wife (I do not know my Cos. given name) or any member of your family, have a picture of some celebrated scene, in which "they" are personally interested and admire please send this to me - It is illustrated. Dr. Witte was in Colorado several years ago and admired a scene which he afterwards found on a postal card - and he selected this for me to Enlarge for him - It hung over Anne's piano when you were there - 16 X 20 - Already Edna has selected one study and Anne another - diversity of taste you see - As to my brain working up an original, I'd be wondering if you could select something in which you would be more interested Enough about the picture - I shall have lots of inspiration to do the work well - that it goes to my convictions in my native State -

As to your running for Congress, I wish you success - It takes lots of nerve I am sure, as well as money to make the race - then as you write "you cannot tell about politics" - So much suspense - I agree with Charlotte Bronte in her

definition of "Suspense". She wrote "Suspense is ——, a word preachers glean when in speaking of the lower regions, that some folks believe in —

Your letter is so newsy - but I'll forbear commenting on farm conditions here or elsewhere -

We had a family reunion at Anne's Sunday - John & Edna and her mother, Tom, Edna, Thomas and myself were the guests - We had a glorious time - She has a splendid cook - so everything was delicious and no worry - Thomas brought his violin and played several numbers - "Schubert's Serenade" and "My wild Irish rose" among them. He is a very fine grandson - We spoke of your visit this Spring to Tex - and all will be glad to have you spend a week in our part of Tex - Tom has a Lake house all fixed up - Beautiful lakes near it. P.S. also - John & Dr Miller hold Ka

I must close - Tell Jesse to think over what the Collier picture shall be - and let me hear during next month

Love to all - Ever the same, always

"Cos Mary"